



GFWC

Ossoli Circle Newsletter

October 2021



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Kim Overman
President 2021-2022

Greeting my friends,

I hope you are having a wonderful fall and are staying healthy. We continue following all the CDC guidelines. If you haven't had your vaccine, please consider doing that for the health and safety of your family and all of us. We have a busy year planned!

GFWC Ossoli Circle's Opening Coffee held on September 13 was a huge success, thanks to the wonderful refreshments by Betty McKeehan and her team, to the beautiful decorations by Joy Kelly, and to the house full of good cheer. Thank you to Janice Hixson and the Membership Committee for the hard work of inviting 22 new prospective members. I would also like to thank Nancy Carmon for the magnificent story boards! If you haven't seen

them, they are amazing! We will continue to display them for all to see. It really is amazing to see what we do as a club. Please continue to invite friends to join us for meetings so they can see for themselves how special GFWC Ossoli Circle is to our community. We have 8 new members from the Opening Coffee.

For my President's project, East TN Children's Hospital Pain and Palliative Care Program physician, Dr. Diane Burdick and nursing director Jessica Nicholson were our first speakers. They explained the pain and palliative care team and how it helps patients improve the quality of life during their battle with their illness. My hope is that we can be generous to assist this program with their mission. We have raised over \$1500 to date! We are planning several other events to help the program.

We also had members attend the GFWC of TN Fall Conference in Monteagle, TN. It was a wonderful weekend of learning and opportunities of sharing ideas.

We had a wedding at the Clubhouse on Oct 4. Our caretaker Dexter Jordon married our member Diana Walker. It was a beautiful and joyous event!

We are hosting the Smoky Mtn. District meeting Saturday Oct. 23 for a luncheon. Please plan to attend if possible. It is an excellent opportunity to meet other club women in our district.

I look forward to seeing each of you in the weeks ahead. Ladies, we have a lot to do. Remember it is the deed not the glory that makes a true volunteer. I am so proud and honored to serve as your President. Thank you.

I LOVE OSSOLI TEA

The I Love Ossoli Greens Tea was held on August 9th at the Clubhouse. The Tea Committee of 15 members, led by Chair Sherry Hillis, arranged the afternoon Tea which was a festive celebration with the auditorium decorated in a purple and white theme. Several members furnished their personal china so each table had a different set for members to enjoy the Prince of Wales tea. The menu of delicious food included cucumber sandwiches, chicken salad croissants, scones with clotted cream, fig jam and lemon curd, along with thumbprint cookies, white petit fours with violets, macaroons, cream horns with strawberries, and mints. Members wore lovely dresses, hats, and fascinators. A total of \$2,460 was raised for the general fund.



**Susie Kelley with a floral arrangement
by Mary Carroll Roberts**



**L to R: Camilla Fore, Linda Williams dressed as
Adelia Lutz, Sharon White, Cheryl Smith, and
Lisa Glenn**

DATES TO REMEMBER

GFWC Smoky Mtn. District Fall Conference, Ossoli Club House	October 23
Replacement Benefit	October 25
GFWC SER Conference	October 28-31
Presidents' Day	December 13

DEDICATION OF HISTORIC MARKER TO HONOR LIZZIE CROZIER FRENCH



**L to R: Cathy Briscoe, Wanda Taylor,
Janie Bitner and Jolene Martin**

Several Ossoli Circle members attended a marker unveiling ceremony for Knoxville suffragist Lizzie Crozier French at her grave in Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville, August 21st. French was a women's rights activist, social reformer, founder of Ossoli Circle, and organizer who helped lead the suffragist movement in Knoxville. She died in 1926.

THE THREE MASKED CLUBWOMEN



**Do you recognize these Ossoli Presidents
attending the International GFWC Convention in
Atlanta, August 2021? L to R: Kim Overman,
Janie Bitner, and Wanda Taylor**

OSSOLI CIRCLE SUPPORTS TRTL



L to R: President Kim Overman, Properties Chair Lexa Hooten, Education Chair Joyce Condry, and Art Chair Nancy Carmon. Seated is Librarian Susanne Pemberton.

GFWC Ossoli Circle presented checks totaling \$2220 to Librarian Susanne Pemberton of Coalfield School in Morgan County as a part of State President Vicki Bechet's TRTL project. "Together Replenishing Tennessee's Libraries" is a statewide effort by GFWC of TN clubs to support elementary school libraries that don't meet the state guidelines for number of books per student. Paperback books and Hooray for Diffendoofer Day were also presented to Ms. Pemberton.

OSSOLI IN ACTION DONATION TO AUSTIN-EAST ART PROGRAM



L to R: Ossoli in Action Chair Nancy Carmon, President Kim Overman and Art Teacher Laura Lee Thompson

The Ossoli in Action Committee donated \$1700 to the Austin East Art program where a part of the money will be used to fund a field trip to Arrowmont School in Gatlinburg for the advanced art students. They will experience a day at the school and attend ceramics and woodturning classes. Also, Ossoli is helping the Austin East Art teacher Laura Lee Thompson with supplies for an after-school Art Club where the students will work on school and community murals. A visit to Austin East will be planned later in the year for members to see the art productions of the students, and we hope that some of their art might be offered during the Art and Craft Show and Silent Auction planned for next April.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OSSOLI SISTERS



**Deborah Simmons
Member 24 years
Died September 4, 2021**



**Elizabeth Koester
Member for 19 years
Died September 25, 2021**